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ELECTRIC VEHICLE

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**PETITION FOR RECONSIDERATION
OF FINAL REJECTION AND PETITION FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a)**

Commissioner for Patents
United States Patent and Trademark Office
Washington, D.C. 20231

Sir:

Applicant respectfully requests reconsideration of the final rejection mailed September 18, 2002, which was made final in error. In the first Office Action mailed March 19, 2002, claims 3, 15 and 16 were objected to as being dependent upon rejected base claim. In response to that Office Action Applicant amended the application and attempted to place the claims containing allowable subject matter in condition for allowance. In response to the amendment, the second Office Action rejected all of the claims. In the Office Action Summary it was indicated to be both final and unfinal because an X appeared in Box 2a and 2b of the Office Action Summary. In the detailed action paragraph 10 Examiner stated that this action is made final. Applicant submits that the Office Action was improperly made final because some of the claims were being rejected now for the first time.

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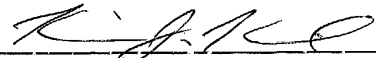
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In addition, claims 1, 3, 11 13-16 were originally rejected for double patenting based upon claim 1 of an identified co-pending application number. Applicant's attorney was unable to identify which application for the basis for the provisional double patenting rejection.

Finally, in the first paragraph of the detailed action several limitations were referred to as not being defined in the specification, however, several of the limitations do not actually appear to be in the claim as amended by the prior amendment.

Applicant submits with this request a petition for a one month extension of time. The Commissioner is hereby authorized to charge the amount of \$240.00 to cover the Petition fee of \$130.00 and the petition fee for a one month extension of time of \$110.00 to Ford Global Technologies, Inc.'s Deposit Account No. 06-1505. Please charge any additional fees or credit any overpayments as a result of the filing of this paper to Deposit Account No. 06-1505 -- a duplicate of this paper is enclosed for that purpose.

Respectfully submitted,
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